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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 March 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-9, 11, 13-15, 17-21, 73-75 and 77-88 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13-15, 17-21, 73-75 and 77-88 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 13-15, 17-21, 73-75 and 77-88 are pending in the instant application. Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13-15, 17-21, 73-73 and 77-88 remain withdrawn.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 12, 2009 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

3. The amendments to the claims filed on March 12, 2009 have been fully considered. However, they are not persuasive in overcoming the outstanding grounds of rejection. Below are responses to Applicant's remarks.

4. The reference of Xu et al. was published on October 25, 2002. The priority date of the instant application is April 9, 2004 which is more than one year after the publication of Xu et al. Therefore, the reference of Xu et al. still applies as prior art. Therefore, the 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 rejections are maintained. The reference of Xu et al. currently applies as 35 USC 102(b) art. See corrected ground of rejection below, Section 12.

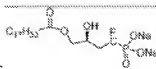
Note: The provisional application US 60/462,095 does not adequately provide support for the instantly claimed genus. The instant genus of compounds wherein the variables are defined, for example, as

X^1 , X^2 , Y^1 , and Y^2 comprises, independently, hydrogen, fluorine, a hydroxyl group, a branched or straight chain C_1 to C_{25} alkyl group, OR^2 , $OCH_2CH_2OR^2$, $OC(O)R^2$, or $NC(O)R^2$;

is broader than the genus disclosed in US 60/462,095 which defines the same variables as

X^1 , X^2 , Y^1 , and Y^2 are, independently, hydrogen, fluorine, a hydroxyl group, OR^2 , $OCH_2CH_2OR^2$, $OC(O)R^2$, or $NC(O)R^2$;

5. Applicant's amendment to the specification filed on September 22, 2008 introduces new matter. See new ground of objection below, Section 8.
6. New grounds of rejection set forth herein, Sections 9-11.



7. Note: Applicant has elected the species of in view of the amendment to the specification. It is noted that the alkyl portion of the elected compound C17H33 is unsaturated based on the number of hydrogen atoms. The instant specification

The term "alkyl group" as used herein is a branched or unbranched saturated
defines alkyl as hydrocarbon group of 1 to 25 carbon atoms, such as methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl,

Therefore, the elected species does not fit into any of the generic claims. Appropriate clarification and correction is requested.

Specification

8. The amendment filed September 22, 2008 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows.

Table 1 was presented with corrected species, for example, compounds on the second through eighth rows. There is not support for the amended species in the originally filed disclosure.

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

9. Claim 1, 2 and 8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims refer to the term "comprises." This term is open ended, therefore it is unclear what the scope is for the compounds claimed.

10. Claim 1, 2 and 8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims refer to "R1 form a cyclic or heterocyclic group." The instant specification does not define "cyclic", therefore it is unclear what the distinction is between cyclic and heterocyclic. Appropriate clarification and correction requested.

11. Claim 1, 2 and 8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims refer to the term "substantially." The instant specification does not define precisely the term substantially. See for example, disclosure below:

The term "substantially" with respect to the stereochemistry at carbon a refers to greater than 95%, greater than 97%, greater than 98%, greater than 99%, greater than 99.5%, or 100% of one enantiomer with respect to the other enantiomer. The terms "R" and "S" with respect to the stereochemistry at carbon a are also referred to in the art as "D" and "L," respectively.

It is unclear from the disclosure the metes and bounds of the claims. Appropriate correction and clarification is requested.

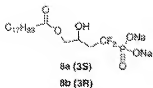
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

12. Claims 1, 2 and 8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Xu et al. The references teaches the following:



which is encompassed by the instant claims.

Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SUN JAE Y. LOEWE whose telephone number is (571)272-9074. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00 Est.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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